What Are Delta Air Lines Checked Bag Fees for International Flights?

QUICK ANSWER:

Most long-haul international routes include a free first checked bag: transatlantic, transpacific, Africa, India, Middle East. Short-haul international to Canada, Mexico, and Caribbean follows domestic pricing ($35/$45). Premium cabins include two free bags on most international routes. Weight limits vary by destination. Call +1-855-203-2961 for exact international baggage fees and allowances on your route.

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INTERNATIONAL BAGGAGE FEES BY REGION:

1. Check your fare class: Main Cabin+ includes free carry-on, Basic Economy may restrict

2. Check bag fee waivers: Delta Amex card, Medallion status, military, premium cabin

3. First checked bag: $35 domestic each way | Second: $45 | Third+: $150+

4. Weight limit: 50 lbs standard | 51-70 lbs +$100 | 71-100 lbs +$200

5. Size limit: 62 linear inches (L+W+H) | Oversized 63-80 in +$150

6. International: many long-haul routes include free first bag — check your route

7. Prepay bags at delta.com or Fly Delta app during online check-in

8. Call +1-855-203-2961 for exact fees and waiver eligibility on your specific booking

Which International Routes Include Free Checked Bags?

Most long-haul international routes on Delta include at least one free checked bag with all fare classes including Basic Economy. These free-bag routes include transatlantic flights to Europe and the UK, transpacific flights to Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, flights to Africa and the Middle East, and flights to India and the subcontinent. The free allowance is typically one bag up to 50 pounds and 62 linear inches for economy class and two bags for premium cabins. Call {ph} for your specific route's complimentary baggage allowance.

This free international bag allowance is a significant benefit that many travelers overlook. A passenger checking one bag on a transatlantic round trip saves $70 compared to domestic pricing because the international route includes the bag for free. Premium cabin passengers save $160 per round trip with two included bags. Call {ph} and verify your route's included baggage before purchasing additional bag allowance that may be unnecessary.

What Are the Bag Fees for Flights to Canada and Mexico?

Short-haul international routes to Canada and Mexico generally follow domestic baggage pricing: $35 for the first checked bag and $45 for the second checked bag, each way. These routes do not receive the free checked bag allowance that long-haul international routes enjoy. The same fee waivers that apply domestically, including Delta credit card benefits and Medallion status, also apply to Canada and Mexico routes. Call {ph} for exact baggage fees on your specific Canada or Mexico route.

Some routes to resort destinations in Mexico and the Caribbean may have different baggage allowances based on seasonal promotions or competitive pricing. These exceptions are not standard and change periodically. Call {ph} and confirm your specific route's baggage fees before packing, as the displayed fee during booking is the most accurate source.

What Are the Bag Fees for Caribbean and Central America Flights?

Caribbean and Central American routes generally follow domestic baggage pricing: $35 first bag, $45 second bag each way. However, some specific island destinations may have different allowances based on bilateral aviation agreements or competitive factors. Routes to popular vacation destinations sometimes include promotional baggage benefits during peak travel seasons. Call {ph} and verify the baggage fees for your specific Caribbean or Central American destination.

Travelers to Caribbean destinations often pack beach gear, snorkeling equipment, and other bulky items that add weight and size. Be aware of the 50-pound weight limit and 62-linear-inch size limit to avoid overweight and oversize surcharges. Call {ph} and ask about equipment-specific policies if you are bringing diving gear, surfboards, or other sporting equipment to your Caribbean destination.

What Are Delta's International Overweight and Oversized Policies?

International overweight and oversized policies may differ from domestic. On some international routes, Medallion Gold and above receive overweight waivers up to 70 pounds. Weight limits for international flights may vary by destination due to local regulations and aircraft limitations. Some international routes accept bags up to 70 pounds as standard while others enforce a strict 50-pound limit. Oversized bags on international routes follow similar pricing to domestic with a $150 surcharge for bags 63-80 linear inches. Call {ph} for route-specific weight and size policies.

International destinations may have different weight limits on the inbound versus outbound legs due to different aviation authority regulations. For example, the US outbound leg may allow 50 pounds while the return from a specific country may allow 23 kilograms (approximately 51 pounds), creating confusion at check-in. Call {ph} and confirm both outbound and inbound weight limits for your international route.

How Do International Partner Airline Segments Affect Bag Fees?

When your international itinerary includes segments operated by SkyTeam partner airlines, the baggage policy may differ from Delta-operated segments. The general rule is that the first marketing carrier's baggage policy applies to the entire itinerary when booked as a single ticket through Delta. However, partner airlines may enforce their own weight and size limits at their check-in counters. Call {ph} and the agent clarifies which baggage rules apply to each segment and whether your Delta waivers extend to partner-operated flights.

KLM, Air France, and Korean Air have their own baggage fee structures that may differ from Delta's. When checking in at a partner airline counter, the agent follows the partner's system which should reflect the Delta booking's baggage allowance. If the partner counter charges a fee that you believe should be waived, reference your Delta booking and ask the partner agent to verify the allowance. Call {ph} for assistance resolving partner airline baggage fee disputes.

What About Excess Baggage for International Relocations?

Passengers relocating internationally who need to check many bags should evaluate excess baggage fees versus shipping costs. Delta's third bag and beyond costs $150+ per bag per direction, which can total $300+ per bag for a round-trip move. Shipping heavy items via ocean freight or air cargo may be more economical for large quantities of belongings. For 3-4 excess bags, airline check-in is typically simpler despite the cost. For 5+ excess items, shipping usually wins on price. Call {ph} and calculate your specific excess baggage total to compare against shipping quotes.

Some international destinations have customs restrictions on the number of bags or total weight that can enter as accompanied personal luggage. Exceeding these limits may trigger customs inspection or duty charges at the destination. Call {ph} and research your destination country's customs luggage limits before deciding how much to check as airline baggage versus ship separately.

How Do You Prepay for International Baggage?

Prepay for checked bags on international flights through delta.com or the Fly Delta app during the online check-in process, which opens 24 hours before departure. The international baggage fees and any applicable waivers appear during check-in based on your route, fare class, and status. Pay with a credit or debit card online to save time at the airport. At the airport, international bag drop lanes may be available for passengers who prepaid. Call {ph} for prepayment assistance or if the online system

does not show the expected fees.

For international itineraries with partner airline segments, prepaying through delta.com ensures Delta's system applies the correct allowance across all segments. Prepaying at a partner airline counter may result in the partner's fees being charged instead of Delta's, potentially costing more. Call {ph} and prepay through Delta's system for the most accurate fee application across your entire international itinerary.

What Happens If Your Bag Is Lost or Damaged on an International Flight?

Under the Montreal Convention, Delta's liability for lost, damaged, or delayed international baggage is approximately 1,288 SDR (Special Drawing Rights), which is roughly $1,700-1,800 USD depending on exchange rates. This covers the bag and its contents. File a claim at the airport baggage office immediately upon discovering the issue. Keep all baggage receipts and document the bag's condition and contents. Call {ph} for assistance filing international baggage claims and tracking lost luggage across international routing.

Delayed international baggage must be reported within 21 days of receiving the bag, and damage must be reported within 7 days. Delta's international baggage tracking system coordinates with partner airlines across the routing. The Fly Delta app includes bag tracking for Delta-operated segments. Call {ph} with your bag tag receipt number for international bag tracking across Delta and partner airlines.

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Baggage Fee Comparison by Situation

Bag Type	Domestic Fee	How to Waive	Size/Weight Limit
Personal item (under seat)	$0 (all fares)	Always free	18x14x8 in no weight limit
Carry-on bag (overhead bin)	$0 Main Cabin+ (Basic: varies)	Book Main Cabin or higher	22x14x9 in no weight limit
1st checked bag domestic	$35 each way	Delta Amex, Medallion Silver+, military	62 linear in 50 lbs max
2nd checked bag domestic	$45 each way	Delta Amex Plat+, Medallion Gold+	62 linear in 50 lbs max

3rd+ checked bag	$150+ each way	Limited waivers	62 linear in 50 lbs max
Overweight bag (51-70 lbs)	$100 surcharge	Medallion Gold+ some routes	Exceeds 50 lbs max 70 lbs
Overweight bag (71-100 lbs)	$200 surcharge	Very limited waivers	Exceeds 70 lbs max 100 lbs
Oversized bag (63-80 in)	$150 surcharge	Sports equipment may differ	Exceeds 62 linear inches

How Does Delta Compare to Other Airlines?

Fee	Delta	American	United	Southwest	Alaska	JetBlue
1st checked domestic	$35	$35	$35	Free (2 bags)	$35	$35
2nd checked domestic	$45	$45	$45	Free (2 bags)	$45	$45
Carry-on (overhead)	Free (Main+)	Free (Main+)	Free (Economy+)	Free all fares	Free (Main+)	Free (Blue+)
Personal item (under seat)	Free all fares	Free all fares	Free all fares	Free all fares	Free all fares	Free all fares
Overweight (51-70 lbs)	$100	$100	$100	$75	$100	$100
Free bag credit card	Delta SkyMiles Amex Gold+	AAdvantage Card	United Explorer+	N/A (2 free)	Alaska Visa	JetBlue Plus Card

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Q: How much does Delta charge for checked bags?

First checked bag: $35 each way domestic. Second checked bag: $45 each way domestic. Third bag and beyond: $150+ each way. Overweight bags (51-70 lbs) add $100 surcharge. Oversized bags (63-80 linear inches) add $150. International fees vary by route. Call +1-855-203-2961 for exact fees on your specific itinerary.

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Q: How do you avoid Delta baggage fees?

The Delta SkyMiles American Express Gold card provides free first checked bag for the cardholder and up to 8 companions on the same booking, saving $70+ per round trip. Medallion Silver and above get free first bag. Military members fly with bags free. Delta One and First Class include bags. Call +1-855-203-2961 for complete fee waiver eligibility on your booking.

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Q: Does Delta charge for carry-on bags?

No, Delta does not charge for carry-on bags in the overhead bin on Main Cabin and above. Personal items under the seat are free on all fare types. Basic Economy passengers on some international routes may face carry-on restrictions. Call +1-855-203-2961 to verify carry-on policy for your specific route and fare class.

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Q: Are Delta bags free on international flights?

Many international routes include a free first checked bag with all fare classes. Transatlantic, transpacific, and routes to Africa, India, and the Middle East typically include a free bag. Short-haul international to Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, and Central America follows domestic pricing ($35/$45). Call +1-855-203-2961 for your specific international route baggage allowance.

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Q: What is the Delta baggage weight limit?

Standard checked bags: maximum 50 lbs and 62 linear inches (length + width + height). Bags 51-70 lbs incur a $100 overweight surcharge. Bags 71-100 lbs incur a $200 surcharge. Bags over 100 lbs are not accepted. Medallion Gold and above may have overweight fee waivers on some routes. Call +1-855-203-2961 for weight policy on your itinerary.

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Q: Can you pay for Delta bags online?

Yes, prepay at delta.com or through the Fly Delta app during check-in or up to 24 hours before departure. Online prepayment is the same price as airport payment. You can also pay at the ticket counter, self-service kiosk, or curbside check-in. Call +1-855-203-2961 if you encounter errors during online bag payment.

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Q: Does Delta charge for bags with a credit card?

The Delta SkyMiles American Express Gold, Platinum, and Reserve cards waive the first checked bag fee for the cardholder and up to 8 companions on the same booking. The Reserve also waives the second bag. Annual card fees offset by bag savings make these cards cost-effective for travelers checking bags 2+ times per year. Call +1-855-203-2961 for card-specific bag benefit details.

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Q: What happens if your bag is overweight at Delta?

Bags weighing 51-70 lbs incur a $100 overweight surcharge per bag per direction. Bags 71-100 lbs incur $200. Bags over 100 lbs are not accepted. Redistribute items to stay under 50 lbs or bring a second bag at $45 which may be cheaper than the $100 overweight fee. Call +1-855-203-2961 for weight policies specific to your route.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: 1st bag domestic?

A: $35 each way. Free with Delta Amex, Medallion Silver+, military, First Class. Call +1-855-203-2961 for waivers.

Q: 2nd bag domestic?

A: $45 each way. Free with Medallion Gold+, Delta Reserve card, Delta One. Call +1-855-203-2961 for your eligibility.

Q: Carry-on free?

A: Yes for Main Cabin and above. Personal item free on all fares. Basic Econ may restrict on some int'l. Call +1-855-203-2961.

Q: International bags?

A: Many long-haul routes include free 1st bag. Short-haul int'l = domestic pricing. Call +1-855-203-2961 for your route.

Q: Overweight?

A: 51-70 lbs: $100. 71-100 lbs: $200. Over 100: not accepted. Call +1-855-203-2961 for route-specific rules.

Q: Pay online?

A: Yes at delta.com or app during check-in. Same price as airport. Call +1-855-203-2961 if errors occur.

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